

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, November 3, 2010**  
**GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

The Hamilton County Council met in a special work session at 6:01:25 p.m. for discussion on various items concerning County business. Those in attendance included Councilors Steve Schwartz, Rick McKinney, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, John Hiatt, Brad Beaver and Jim Belden; Council Attorney Jeanette Kassebaum; Commissioners Christine Altman; Sheriff Doug Carter; Major Mark Bowen; Leann Carter; Human Resource Director Sheena Randall; SWCD Conservation Engineer John South; SWCD Board Members Rodney Rulon and Jared Kakasuleff Auditor Dawn Coverdale and Chief Deputy Auditor Robin Mills. Discussion was held on statute regarding function of the legislative body, Sheriff vehicle replacement, Highway Project, Soil and Water employee for 2011 and Sheriff employee.

Jeanette Kassebaum addressed the Council regarding the legislative executive body issue of the County Council becoming a legislative body. The statute actually applies to St. Joseph County. Hamilton County actually falls into this statute in 2011. Ms. Kassebaum reported that the legislature will reset this statute. Ms. Kassebaum reported that she will follow this statute closely.

Major Bowen reported that a resolution is on the agenda to purchase eight (8) replacement vehicles, one (1) rescue tahoe and one (1) transport van. Councilor McKinney suggested that the vehicles be kept longer and that the philosophy of extradition of prisoners be rethought. Major Bowen stated that the Sheriff Department does have a working relationship with the Courts and the Prosecutor's Office. Major Bowen reported that there are approximately 113 sheriff vehicles. Commissioner Altman reported that the Commissioner's are working on the list of vehicles for the entire county. Councilor Beaver asked Auditor Coverdale if word has been received whether or not the County will receive the special distribution in 2011. Auditor Coverdale reported that the special distribution will not be received in 2011. Councilor Beaver encouraged the Commissioners to continue looking into vehicle issues: ie....how many, who needs them, who is taking them home. Councilor McKinney asked what the second request will be in 2011. Major Bowen stated that it will be for another \$150,000 for replacement vehicles. This request has not gone before the commissioners yet. Councilor Belden reported that he has talked to Commissioner Dillinger concerning the \$250,000 and he feels that this request is appropriate. The \$250,000 vehicle resolution is on the Council agenda.

Councilor McKinney reported at the Highway Meeting earlier today Brad Davis stated that they would be requesting money for two projects (\$150,000 for 206<sup>th</sup> Street and Overdorf Road and \$300,000 for 146<sup>th</sup> Street West for right of way engineering) . The \$150,000 for federal aid match is a new request. Councilor McKinney thought that the \$300,000 would be taken from the TIF Fund. Councilor McKinney contacted Mike Howard and Mr. Howard stated that this request should come from the TIF monies. Brad Davis stated that there was an error on the 2011 budget for Cumulative Capital Development and the Highway will be coming for an additional appropriation in 2011.

John South, SWCD, reported that the SWCD will raise the entire funding for the RIF'd employee including benefits. These funds will come from the District's fund and grants that are being applied for by the SWCD. The SWCD would like to pay the county quarterly. These payments will come December 2010 , March 2011, June 2011 and September 2011. It was agreed that the employee will be RIF'd and then rehired and paid from a new fund.

Sheena Randall, Human Resources Director, reported that the Hamilton County Sheriff Department offered Joel Stubblefield a promotion to sergeant, believing that the person in this position was being demoted and this was not the case. Mr. Stubblefield did accept this position on a verbal offer and performed the duties of sergeant for a specific period of time, without authorization from the Personnel Committee and the Council. There was not sufficient documentation or an offer of employment. Mr. Stubblefield has since been moved to a sergeant position upon the resignation of another officer. Mr. Stubblefield is now requesting \$650 for the time he served in this capacity. This request will be on the December agenda.

Auditor Coverdale reported that the special distribution of \$2.1 million will not be forth coming in 2011. Mike Reuter did call and talk to Bob Lain and based on other county's showing negative balances no one will receive these monies. There is a possibility that Hamilton County will receive these monies in 2012. Commissioner Altman does not like the way the money is reported. Auditor Coverdale stated that these monies are not tracked by county and do not have to be until 2011 (per statute). Every month the figure given is what the State certifies. That is why this number is always the same the amount. This has

nothing to do with collections. Auditor Coverdale reported that Senator Kenley is aware of this issue.

The work session ended at 6:55:17.

President Carter called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:04:04 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors Rick McKinney, Steve Schwartz, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver. A quorum was declared by Auditor Dawn Coverdale.

Councilor Meredith Carter gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

7:05:17 Councilor Schwartz moved to approve the minutes of October 6, 2010 and Final Adoption Minutes of October 18, 2010. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT** 7:05:44

President: None

Vice President: Councilor Belden reported that Solid Waste did meet. Another record has been set regarding turn out for the month of October. Mr. Bice, Emergency Management Executive Director, reported that Hamilton County should have a Debris Management Plan in place for organizational structure, guidance, and standardized guidelines for the clearance, removal, staging, reduction, recycling, processing and disposal of debris left as a result of a natural or manmade disaster. The EMA is looking into this issue.

Highway: Councilor McKinney reported the committee did meet and items are on tonight's agenda. Councilor McKinney asked Auditor Coverdale if the 2011 budget bridge maintenance item can be amended or an additional will need to be done next year. Auditor Coverdale stated an additional will be needed.

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Miscellaneous: None

**COMMISSIONER UPDATE** 7:07:43 Commissioner Altman reported that the Health Care Reform items must be done January 1, 2011 as to not mess with our grandfathered status.

The Ortho-photos were unable to be flown this spring due to trees leafing early. The Board of Commissioners have retained the Sanborn bid and extended it to next season. The price has been reduced another \$11,500 with the caveat that Hamilton County will be first on their list.

Commissioner Altman attended the Community Actions Committee for I69. The bridge over 465 at Allisonville Road will have to be lengthened, but must also be raised seven feet. This will be very difficult construction. INDOT has not yet decided but an option might be closing Allisonville Road at the bridge. The benefits would be completing the project in seven months and not interfere with shopping season. There will be significant costs savings in a lot of areas. CERTA has requested that INDOT fund the express bus service through construction not only of the I69 project but also the Allisonville and US 31 project. Councilor McKinney asked if this was beginning 2011 or 2012. Commissioner Altman stated that they might let the project in early 2012 and having the construction cycle complete itself before shopping for the holidays.

Commissioner Altman stated there will be a press conference on November 8, 2010, on changes to the Indy Connect Plan. CERTA is a partner with the MPO. Indy Go has had unprecedented public meetings on the total plan of travel and transit. Commissioner Altman is requesting a work session before January 2011 Council meeting (the Commissioners can attend) for a formal presentation.

Commissioner Altman stated that she went to Washington DC with CERTA when they were out of session to discuss transit with the staff. They met with budget staff on both sides of the isle and with the Federal Transit Authority. There were good reviews on Indy Connect and what our MPO is doing. There is progress being made with legislative options.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS 07:16:20 None**

**TABLED BUSINESS 7:16:21**

Councilor Schwartz moved to remove the appointment of the Cicero Economic Development Board from the table. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to appoint Christina Miller to the Cicero Economic Development Board. This is a four year appointment. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS 07:17:35**

Councilor McKinney moved to approve vendor claims. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**EMPLOYEE VACANCIES 7:17:50**

Councilor McKinney moved to amend the agenda and add the following:

101.031.000.1025 DPA Superior Court 4 @ minimum \$45,816 effective date of hire November 15, 2010 and 265 IV-D Support Incentive Fund 265.000.000.1300 up to \$12.50 per hour effective hire date retro-active to October 18, 2010. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. The motion to amend and add to the agenda carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve Prosecutor request to hire 101.031.000.1020 DPA Superior Court 2 at minimum \$56,387 hire date November 15, 2010. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Prosecutor request to hire 101.031.000.1025 DPA Superior Court 4 at minimum \$45,816 hire date November 15, 2010. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve 265 IV-D Support Incentive Fund 265.000.000.1300 up to \$12.50 per hour effective hire date retro-active October 18, 2010. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve Highway 102.000.000.1300 Part Time up to \$12.50 per hour (8-10 individuals) effective hire date is upcoming winter snow operations. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion was carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTIONS NOVEMBER 7:27:03**

Councilor Schwartz resolved \$250,000 Rainy Day Fund line item 276.000.000.4008 Vehicles. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 7:27:32**

Councilor McKinney moved effective December 12, 2010 the SWCD employee will be paid from SWCD grant. These payments will come quarterly at \$17,546.50 (December 2010 , March 2011, June 2011 and September 2011). It was agreed that the employee will be RIF'd and then rehired and paid from a new fund. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS 7:29:45** Councilor Carter opened public hearing concerning additional appropriations. No public comments.

Councilor Belden moved to approve County Assessor Job Descriptions for 2011: 101.001.000.1030 Satellite Office Manager – PAT C; 101.001.000.1032 Satellite Office Manager – PAT C; 101.001.000.1036 Satellite Office Manager – PAT C; 101.001.000.1038 Real Property Appraisal Manager – PAT C and 101.001.000.1040 Real Estate Sales Disclosure Manager – COMOT E. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Hiatt moved to approve County General additional 101.011.000.1412 Pay Out Of Accrued Benefit Time for \$500,000. Councilor Belden seconded the motion.

Councilor Belden moved to clarify (or amend) that this money will be paid from County General 101.011.000.1412 Pay Out of Accrued Benefit Time for \$500,000. Councilor Schwartz seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Levine moved to approve as amended. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver moved to table the EMS additional request. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion to table carried 7-0. Counselor Kassebaum has been instructed to look into the reimbursement agreement.

Councilor Belden moved to approve County General Prosecutor additional 101.031.000.1316 Part Time PDA, Drug Court for \$4,616. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve County General Prosecutor additional 101.031.000.3715 IV-D Collection Services for \$527. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve Cumulative Capital Development transfer of funds from: 203.201.000.0147 Bridge 147 for \$200,000; 203.201.000.0201 Bridge 201 \$30,000 and 203.201.000.0254 Bridge 254 for \$20,000 to 203.201.000.3722 Small Structures \$250,000. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Levine moved to approve Rainy Day Fund additional appropriation 276.000.000.1401 Social Security for \$370,000. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Levine moved to approve Rainy Day Fund 276.000.000.1412 Pay Out Of Accrued Benefit Time for \$500,000. This motion died for lack of second.

Councilor Belden moved to approve Highway COIT Fund additional appropriation 283.000.000.4420 Intersection of 206<sup>th</sup> and Overdorf Road for \$150,000. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor McKinney moved to deny the Highway COIT Fund additional request 283.000.000.4832 146<sup>th</sup> Street West R/W Engineering for \$300,000 and pay this money from the 96<sup>th</sup> and 421 TIF monies. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Hiatt moved to approve additional for Drug Court Fund 361.000.000.3851 Supplement for \$8,750. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing closed at 7:46:34

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS 7:46:43**

**SHERIFF COMMENTS** Sheriff Carter presented information on overtime, medical and food expenditures for 2010.

**COUNCIL ATTORNEY COMMENTS** None

**AUDITOR'S COMMENTS** Auditor Coverdale has requested a Finance Meeting. Auditor Coverdale reported briefly on the State Board of Accounts meeting. Huge changes on Chart of Accounts, On Line Budgeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51:57.

Those present:

Jeanette Kassabaum, Council Attorney

Major Mark Bowen, Sheriff Dept.

Sonia Leerkamp, Prosecutor

Galen Samples, Student

Sheena Randall, Human Resource Director

Hannah Watts, Student

Michael Howard, County Counsel

Jacob Robinson, Student

Austin Rockhill, Student

Tyler Smith, Student

Brad Davis, Highway

Ryan Horine, HCSD

Scott Miller, Student

Alex Triske, Student

Nekoda Witsken, Student

Christine Altman, Commissioner

Nick Blackwell, Student

Trevor Rogers, Student

Chris Watson, Student

Jordan Swartz, Student

Paul Ayers, Council Elect  
Rodney Rulon, HCSWD  
John South, HCSWD  
Robin Ward, Assessor Office  
Christina Miller, Jackson Twp Trustee Elect

Warren Sarber, HCSWD  
Jared Kakasuleff, HCSWD  
Kenton Ward, Surveyor  
Meghan Wolf, Student

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